

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Categorisation of States

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the yardsticks/parameters taken into consideration while categorising a State as backward State;
- (b) whether the average per capita income of such States is less than the national average;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh along with the human development indicators of these States; and
- (d) the details of States lagging behind in human development indicators along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS
INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) States have not been categorised as backward states.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) State-wise Human Development Index (HDI), alongwith their rankings, is given in annexure. Inter-State disparities in HDI are a result of complex factors such as difference in resource endowment, geographical and historical factors and availability of socio-economic and physical infrastructure.